



Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

City of Lewiston, ME

BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the City of Lewiston supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. With the decline of the New England textile industry, the City of Lewiston (population 39,800) was left with a stagnant downtown center and a polluted river. The Androscoggin River has been cleaned up, and Lewiston's downtown and waterfront is being energized by redevelopment efforts underway at the once abandoned 1.2 million square-foot Bates Mill Complex, which has been the focus of the city's brownfields cleanup and redevelopment efforts. The city plans to build on the momentum of the Bates Mill Complex redevelopment by assessing, cleaning up, and redeveloping the nearby W.S. Libbey Mill site and two smaller properties along the city's western gateway.

A conference and performing arts center is planned for the two-acre W.S. Libbey Mill site, which consists of three interconnected buildings, a pump house, and a loading dock for the former textile mill. There also is significant interest in economic redevelopment of small properties at 51 Middle Street and 46 Chapel Street, which occupy a potentially contaminated landfill behind the L.L. Bean telemarketing center. These Gateway Initiative projects, most of which are located within the city's recently designated federal Enterprise Community, will help further Lewiston's revitalization.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Lewiston's objective is to accelerate its transformation by undertaking several projects that will attract more people into the city's revitalized downtown and waterfront area. Lewiston will use the supplemental assistance to complete Phase II environmental site assessments that will provide the final descriptions of environmental conditions at the W.S. Libbey Mill, 51 Middle Street, and 46 Chapel Street sites.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



City of Lewiston, Maine

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May 2002

Amount: \$ 150,000

Profile: The Pilot plans to further Lewiston's revitalization by conducting assessments and redevelopment planning for the two-acre W.S. Libbey Mill site and two smaller properties along the city's western gateway.

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Activities planned as part of the Pilot include:

- Conducting a Phase II environmental site assessment at the W.S. Libbey Mill site;
- Conducting Phase II environmental site assessments, including hydrogeological, geochemical, and subsurface geological investigations to determine the source and extent of contamination at the 51 Middle Street and 46 Chapel Street sites; and

- Conducting outreach and community involvement activities.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.